

-Meeting Notice-

**2006 Environmental Water Account (EWA) Technical Review Panel**

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| November 28, 2006 | 8:30AM –5:30PM  |
| November 29, 2006 | 8:30AM –3:00PM  |
| November 30, 2006 | 9:00AM –12:00PM |

Bay-Delta Room  
650 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The CALFED Science Program, in collaboration with implementing agency scientists, is organizing a comprehensive review of the Environmental Water Account. This event will be held in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program offices in Sacramento, November 28-30, 2006.

**Background Information:**

The CALFED Science Program is responsible for evaluating the Environmental Water Account (EWA) each year. To meet this obligation, the program, under the leadership of the Lead Scientist, assembles a standing panel of independent technical experts (EWA Technical Review Panel) with the charge of evaluating the scientific information supporting water acquisition and protective fish action decisions.

The EWA Program is a key component of CALFED Program's Water Management Strategy, and was created in 2000 to address two problems - declining fish populations and unreliable water supplies. Its purpose is to better protect fish by making it possible to modify water project operations in the Bay-Delta at no uncompensated water cost to Central Valley Project/State Water Project water users. The EWA Program is also part of the CALFED policy of adaptive management, and ongoing discussions and periodic scientific review are a critical part of the process to help guide management decisions.

**Review Objectives:**

The past four EWA reviews focused primarily on reviewing program implementation—how was acquired water used for target species. However, as the program moves into its seventh year of implementation, the 2006 review will attempt to address the key questions of biological impact. The specific focus will be on the contributions of the EWA and other environmental water programs for protecting and restoring delta smelt, Chinook salmon and steelhead in the San Francisco estuary and watershed; developing plans for science needs and water allocation priorities for EWA Year 7; and identifying science components and water allocation strategies for a possible future environmental water program.

Please visit the CALFED Science Program website for more information on review scope, 2006 Review Panel members, Review Charge and agenda updates.

<http://science.calwater.ca.gov/workshop/ewa.shtml>

**For More Information:**

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact Jana Machula at the CALFED Science Program, [janam@calwater.ca.gov](mailto:janam@calwater.ca.gov) or 916-445-0715.
- Please allow time to go through the security checkpoint at the entrance of the building and abide by standard security procedures: you must have valid identification with a photograph. **No weapons, video, photo equipment, or photo-capable cell phones are allowed.**
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Colleen Kirtlan, CALFED Bay-Delta Program at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.

